

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, MAY 10, 2004**

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Work Session – Commissioners
8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Work Session – County Administrator
*T 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Presentation – New Official County Logo
*T 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Flood Presentation – Burlington-Edison Future Farmers of America
*T 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Proclamation – National Nurses Week Proclamation – Wildfire Awareness Week
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Bid Opening – Guemes/Anacortes Ferry Terminal Parking Lot
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Consent Agenda and Miscellaneous Items
11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Public Comment Period
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Discussion – Notice of Intention Filed by the City of Mount Vernon for the Annexation of East Blackburn Road
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 10, 2004 with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson, Don Munks and Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

**PRESENTATION – NEW OFFICIAL COUNTY LOGO.**

Brian Young of the Information Services Department gave credit to Dan Berentson, Communications Director, who spearheaded a drive to produce an official County logo for adoption. Members of the review committee included Peter Browning, Health Department Director, Chal Martin, Public Works Director, and Bob Vaux, Parks and Recreation Director. The task was to create an official looking seal that would capture the spirit of Skagit County.

Mr. Young explained that the logo is set in a circle, which can be compared to a wedding ring. The circle is continuous, unbroken and a symbol of equality. It, of course, identifies us as Skagit County along with the State in which we are located. As County government, we do business and represent ourselves well beyond the State level. This enables a better understanding of where Skagit County is located.

The logo uses blue as the main color, which symbolizes power, stability and tranquility. Our motto “Serving with Pride” accurately states our dedication to Skagit County’s constituents, customers and visitors as to our goal of service commitment to them.

The eagle is not only our national symbol, but a fairly common site in Skagit Valley. Mr. Young said we boast of a large Bald Eagle population and hold the very popular Upper River Bald Eagle Festival every year. The Bald Eagle is also commonly thought of as a symbol of pride, which ties it in with our County motto.

The view of Mount Baker in the background is a testament to the natural beauty of our valley. On the bottom of the logo is representation of our world famous tulip fields surrounding the Skagit River, which affects everyone’s life here in Skagit County.

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Commissioner Munks read the Resolution and motioned to adopt the new, official Skagit County logo, as outlined by Mr. Young. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.  
**(Resolution No. R20040162)**

The Board thanked Mr. Young for using his artistic abilities to create such a beautiful logo, which represents Skagit County in every way.

**FLOOD PRESENTATION – BURLINGTON-EDISON FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA.**

The Burlington-Edison Future Farmer's of America club members Joy Erlenbach, Melissa Cogal, Angie Sawdye, Becky Sawdye, and Erica Thompson, gave a presentation on issues surrounding Skagit County should a 50 or 100-year flood occur. They also debated the pros and cons of several flood control options, including diversion and widening of the river.

The Commissioners thanked the group for putting on such a great presentation and invited them to come back again.

**PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL NURSES WEEK**

Jennifer Sass-Walton, Supervisor for Child and Family Health, stated that there are nearly 2.7 million registered nurses in the United States that comprise our nation's largest health care profession. Approximately 940 of those nurses reside in Skagit County with 15 employed by the Skagit County Public Health Department.

The depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings. Ms. Sass-Walton said the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology and the explosive growth of home health care services. She noted that more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet with the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community.

Ms. Sass-Walton introduced several nurses that work in the Skagit County Health Department. She especially recognized Margaret Eisenhardt and said she represents the standard of nursing in the Health Department.

Commissioner Munks read a proclamation proclaiming May 6 through May 12 as National Nurses Week.

**PROCLAMATION – WILDFIRE AWARENESS WEEK.**

Commissioner Munks read a proclamation proclaiming May 10 through May 16 2004 as Wildfire Awareness Week in Skagit County and urged all citizens to join in recognizing this special observance.

**BID OPENING – GUEMES/ANACORTES FERRY TERMINAL PARKING LOT.**

Chris Hagedorn, Design and Construction Manager for the Public Works Department opened the following bids for the Guemes/Anacortes Ferry Terminal parking lot:

Larry Brown Construction, Inc.  
1826 Mount Baker Highway  
Bellingham, WA 98226  
Bid Bond Enclosed  
Total Bid: \$703,270.65

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Island Construction Site & Utilities, Inc.  
P. O. Box 167  
Oak Harbor, WA 98277  
Bid Bond Enclosed  
Total Bid: \$709,060.76

SRV Construction, Inc.  
P. O. Box 481  
Oak Harbor, WA 98277  
Bid Bond Enclosed  
Total Bid: \$701,196.50

Advanced Construction, Inc.  
14532 North Creek Drive, Suite 618  
Mill Creek, WA 98012  
Bid Bond Enclosed  
Total Bid: \$591,184.50

Standard Construction, Inc.  
P. O. Box 1787  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273  
Bid Bond Enclosed  
Total Bid: \$668,514.50

Interwest Construction, Inc.  
651 North Hill Boulevard  
Burlington, WA 98233  
Bid Bond Enclosed  
Total Bid: \$659,371.07

Mr. Hagedorn indicated that after careful review of the bids, a recommendation will be forthcoming.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

Commissioner Munks motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, May 10, 2004, items 1 through 17 and item 20. Items 18 and 19 were removed from the agenda for further discussion. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:**

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, May 3, 2004.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:**

2. Letter to the Boundary Review Board supporting a Notice of Intention filed by the City of Mount Vernon for the annexation of 46.60 acres in the vicinity of Francis Road. **(Approved)**
3. Letter to the Boundary Review Board supporting a Notice of Intention filed by the City of Burlington for the annexation of 1.98 acres on Peacock Lane. **(Approved)**
4. Letter to the Boundary Review Board supporting a Notice of Intention filed by Diking and Drainage District 12 for consolidation of Dike and Drainage Districts 8 and 12. **(Approved)**

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**BUDGET & FINANCE:**

5. Work Plan/Financial Plan with the United States Department of Agriculture to provide assistance in reducing damage caused by European starlings, blackbirds, cowbirds and pigeons. The agreement shall commence on May 2, 2004 and continue through May 1, 2005. Compensation is expected to total \$21,500. **(Contract No. C20040217)**
6. Resolution appointing five members to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. **(Resolution No. R20040163)**

**FARMLAND LEGACY PROGRAM:**

7. Conservation Easement granted by Mark Tenneson, Carolyn Tenneson, John T. Tenneson, Glen M. Tenneson and John T. and Beverly M. Tenneson to Skagit County. The easement will extinguish four development rights and permanently protect approximately 111.65 acres of farmland on Fruitdale Road in Sedro-Woolley, at a cost of \$246,138.46. **(Contract No. C20040218)**
8. Personal Services Agreement with Preston Gates & Ellis, LLP to review and update Farmland Legacy Program easement contract documents, which have not been assessed since their original development by the Contractor in 1997. In addition, the Contractor may provide other assistance in the drafting of legal documents. The agreement shall commence on March 15, 2004 and continue through March 31, 2005. Compensation shall not exceed a total of \$10,000. **(Contract No. C20040219)**

**HUMAN RESOURCES:**

9. Personal Services Agreement with HR Answers, Inc. to provide professional services as requested by the Human Resource Director pertaining to HR related matters. The contract shall commence on April 1, 2004 and continue through December 31, 2004. Compensation is not to exceed a total of \$10,000. **(Contract No. C20040220)**

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:**

10. Amendment No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement **No. C20040179** with Preston Gates & Ellis and Bart Freedman to reflect that the current rates shall be effective until January 1, 2005, at which time the Contractor may adjust the hourly rates and changes to those rates to become effective immediately. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20040092)**
11. Personal Services Agreement with Shannon Meyer, Ph.D. to provide consultation and expert testimony on a case-by-case basis relating to domestic violence issues. The agreement shall commence on March 1, 2004 and continue through December 31, 2004. Compensation shall be paid at the rate of \$250 per court appearance. **(Contract No. C20040221)**

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

12. Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement with BERGER/ABAM Engineers, Inc. to provide surveying services; preparation of permit drawings, plans and specifications; construction support and underwater inspection for the North Fork Skagit River Bridge Scour Repair #40037. The agreement shall commence on April 5, 2004 and continue through December 31, 2005. Compensation is expected to total \$42,694. **(Contract No. C20040222)**
13. Amendment No. 3 to Vendor Services Agreement **No. 05303** with Land Title Company, which extends the expiration date to May 31, 2005. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20040093)**

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14. Vendor Services Agreement with Economy Fence Center to provide the installation of a fence and gates at the Anacortes Guemes Ferry Terminal and the Ferry Facility on Guemes Island, per recommendations by the Task Force related to terminal facilities improvements. The agreement shall commence on April 26, 2004 and continue through April 30, 2005. Compensation shall not exceed a total of \$5,000. **(Contract No. C20040223)**
15. Resolution establishing County Road Project #ES 96500-1, Leonard Road Culvert Project and authorizing funding for the planning, design, permits and replacement of undersized twin culverts with a large arched culvert to reduce artificial creek obstruction and enhance fish passage. **(Resolution No. R20040164)**
16. Resolution appointing two new members to the Citizen Advisory Committee for Lake Management District #3 – Erie and Campbell. **(Resolution No. R20040165)**
17. Resolution calling for bids for One New Latest Model Wheel Loader to be used by the Operations Division. The bid opening will be held on Monday, June 7, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20040166)**
18. Resolution establishing the Charter of the Guemes Island Ferry Committee. **(This item was removed pending further discussion)**
19. Resolution establishing the Guemes Island Ferry Operations and Performance Roundtable. **(This item was removed pending further discussion)**
20. Resolution rejecting all bids for the purchase of Two Electronic Reader Board Signs for the Guemes Island Ferry. **(Resolution No. R20040167)**

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

1. Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by R.C.W. 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by R.C.W. 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Board.

As of this date, May 10, 2004, the Board by majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Premera Blue Cross from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$44,146.60 (Transmittal No. C-60-04); and

Warrants numbered 169623 through 170135 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$3,834,563.27 (Transmittal No. C-61-04); and

Payroll warrants numbered 144623 through 145580 in the total dollar amount of \$929,159.45 (Transmittal No. P-17-04); and

Payroll warrants numbered 962742 through 962891 in the total dollar amount of \$163,256.67 (Transmittal No. P-18-04); and

ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Premera Blue Cross from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$82,497.08 (Transmittal No. C-62-04).

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.**

John Warfield, 17867 Wood Road, Bow, complained about a neighbor that keeps 9 to 11 Siberian Huskies at his home as pets. The animals are a nuisance as they continually bark and yelp. After jumping through several hoops, Mr. Warfield said he ultimately spoke with the Sheriff's Office about the problem. He was

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told that the nuisance ordinance is an unenforceable law and they cannot remove the dogs since there aren't any signs of abuse.

A meeting between Commissioner Munks and Mr. Warfield was scheduled for Friday, May 14, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the issue.

Jeri Krampetz, Executive Director of the Pacific Northwest Trail Association, presented a plaque to Chairman Anderson and thanked him for the work he has done for the organization.

Jim Vogelsang, 1404 Second Street, Mount Vernon, spoke of issues surrounding land transfers that are either being contemplated or that have already taken place.

**DISCUSSION – NOTICE OF INTENTION FILED BY THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON FOR THE ANNEXATION OF EAST BLACKBURN ROAD.**

Gary Rowe, County Administrator, said the County received a Notice of Intention, which was filed by the City of Mount Vernon. He said the proposal is to annex approximately 65.08 acres, located in the vicinity of the Blackburn Road and Little Mountain Road intersection, from the Mount Vernon Urban Growth Area.

Mr. Rowe indicated that the Skagit County Public Works Department feels the legal description references many recorded documents that are not included in the review packet. Referencing all those recorded documents makes the legal description very difficult to follow. Therefore, the proposed annexation should include the following roads: Blackburn Road; Little Mountain Road, including the portion adjacent to the existing City Limits; Cedar Hills Drive; and Crosby Drive. This would reduce confusion as far as responsibility for maintenance of the roadways and managing the rights of way.

Mr. Rowe asked the Board if they wanted to invoke the Boundary Review Board or wait until another annexation is proposed in the future that would include the roads.

The Board asked Mr. Rowe to inquire about changing the legal description of the document. They will render their decision on this matter on Monday, May 17, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

Commissioner Munks made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Ted W. Anderson, Chairman

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Don Munks, Commissioner

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

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ATTEST:

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JoAnne Giesbrecht, Clerk of the Board  
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